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Mr. Mahboob Ali Baig :—" Will the Government examine it?"

•The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—" No, Sir. In cases where there is a preponderance of any particular community, the preponderance will be corrected in due course by recruitment under the communal rotation rule, but promotion within a service is not usually affected by communal considerations."

Transfer of the proprietary estates of Bhadrachalam and Rekapalle to British possession.

* 414 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the proprietary estates of Bhadrachalam and Rekapalle came into British possession; and

(*b*) what the peshkash of the estate was at first, and how often it was enhanced afterwards, when and why?

A.—(*a*) In the year 1860.

(*b*) A summary settlement was made in 1861 and the amount of peshkash was fixed at Rs. 9,500. A regular settlement was made in 1867. This was revised subsequently on two occasions, viz., in the years 1890 and 1922. The revisions were made in accordance with the settlement rules in force in the Central Provinces, to which these areas originally belonged. Under these rules the revenue payable by the proprietors to the Government is increased or decreased in proportion to the total rent payable to the proprietor.

Mr. V. T. Arasu :—" May I know from the hon. the Revenue Member the extent of the savings anticipated?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—" I must ask for notice."

Proposal to apportion Sathiavedu to Ponneri and Tiruvallur taluks.

* 415 *Q.*—Mr. V. T. Arasu: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal now before the Government to abolish Sathiavedu, in Chingleput district, as a separate sub-taluk and apportion it to Ponneri and Tiruvallur taluks; and

(*b*) if so, what are the reasons that impelled Government to take such a step?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The proposal is under consideration as a measure of retrenchment.

Extent of dry lands in South Kanara.

* 416 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what is the total area of land classified as 'dry' or 'punja' land in South Kanara;

(b) what extent of the above land has so far been given on darkhast;

(c) what is the area of dry land under ragi cultivation; and

(d) what is the basis on which dry lands are assessed in South Kanara?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have not the information.

(c) The Government have no separate information as regards dry land. According to the season and crop report for fasli 1339 the total area under ragi cultivation in the district was 6,536 acres in that fasli.

(d) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the notification for the settlement of the South Kanara district which was published in the District Gazette of that district for the month of November 1902. Relevant extracts[a] from the notification are attached.

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—"May I know whether it is a fact that ragi cultivation is done only in very small portions of the dry land area in South Kanara?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—"The information is given in answer to clause (c). According to the Crop Report for fasli 1339 the total area under ragi cultivation in the district was 6,536 acres."

Minor Irrigation

Supply of water to certain tanks in Alangayam village.

* 417 Q.—Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is a chain of tanks from below Pudieri and Periyeri tanks in Alangayam village, Tiruppattur taluk, North Arcot;

(b) whether they are only rain-fed tanks and whether for the past few years owing to the failure of rains the tanks had no sufficient water for irrigation;

(c) what is the amount of remission granted to Alangayam for the past six years; and

(d) whether the Government contemplated a scheme of diverting the waters of a jungle stream into the tanks in and around Alangayam village?

A.—(a) to (d) A copy[b] of a report received from the Collector of North Arcot on the subject is attached.

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[a] Printed as Appendix V on pages 333–334 infra.
[b] Printed as Appendix VI on pages 334—336 infra.